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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS.

ATMOSPHERICS:

AUSTRALIA'S POLITICAL/CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS CONTINUES TO DOMINATE ALL MEDIA, WITH NO IMMEDIATE SOLUTION IN SIGHT. HOWEVER, OPINION POLLS SHOW OPPOSITION PARTY ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK SUPPLY BILLS AND FORCE A GENERAL ELECTION ARE LOSING PUBLIC SUPPORT. THE PRIME MINISTER'S ACCUSATION, IN THE COURSE OF POLITICAL IN-FIGHTING, THAT COUNTRY PARTY HAD RECEIVED MONEY FROM CIA, GIVEN SIGNIFICANT COVERAGE AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN MAJOR PAPERS. (SEE CANBERRA 7410 AND 7421). PRESIDENT FORD'S TOP LEVEL PERSONNEL CHANGES -- A MAJOR STORY IN ALL PAPERS. (SEE CANBERRA 7434). TIMOR CONTINUES TO BE MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN. PRESS THIS WEEK CARRIES REPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO FRETELIN AND INCREASING INDONESIAN INVOLVEMENT ON BEHALF OF OPPOSING FORCES. DESPITE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FACING NATION, RUNNING OF THE ANNUAL MELBOURNE

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CUP ON NOVEMBER 4 WAS THE MAJOR STORY OF THAT DAY.

PROGRAM:

MELBOURNE'S "EAMES CELEBRATION" FILM PROGRAM IS DRAWING CAPACITY CROWDS AT THE VICTORIA STATE FILM CENTRE AUDITORIUM AND HAS ATTRACTED DEMAND FOR THESE FILMS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN VICTORIA.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIA AUSTRALIA-AMERICA ASSOCIATION AND USIS BEGAN THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL YEAR CELEBRATION IN ADELAIDE WITH A FILM PROGRAM FEATURING "THE LAST KING OF AMERICA" AND "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN". THE FULL HOUSE ON OPENING NIGHT INCLUDED THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

IN PERTH, "PHOTOGRAPHY AS A FINE ART" EXHIBIT WENT ON DISPLAY FOR TWO WEEKS AT THE KARRINYUP CULTURAL CENTRE.

SYDNEY'S FM RADIO STATION THIS WEEK AIRED FIRST OF FOUR USIS-PROVIDED PROGRAMS ON MUSIC OF AARON COPELAND.
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